



**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
YOUTH COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BUREAU
POLICY**

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Section 5: Health Care	Revision Date: 03-2003, 01-09-06, 11-23-07, 08-17-09, 05- 24-10, 01-11-11
Applicable ACA Standards:	
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I. POLICY:

It is the policy of the Youth Community Corrections (YCC) bureau to inform youth released to parole, the youth's parent/guardian, and the Juvenile Parole Officer (JPO) of their respective responsibility to ensure the youth obtains necessary health care services. This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as needed.

II. APPLICABILITY:

All YCC facilities and programs

III. DEFINITIONS:

None

IV. BUREAU DIRECTIVES:

A. Informing Youth of Health Care Services

1. Should the youth be paroled to a home placement, the parents/guardian will be informed of their responsibility to ensure the youth receives health care services. The JPO will advise the parents that they will be financially responsible and responsible for ensuring the youth receives necessary health care services that may include:
 - a. Medical
 - b. Dental
 - c. Mental health services
 - d. Chemical dependency treatment
 - e. Other treatment programs deemed necessary
2. Should a youth be paroled to an out of home placement, the primary JPO is required to obtain insurance information from the youth's parents/guardian. The JPO will complete an application as outlined in YCC 60-25, Financial Assistance Programs. The primary JPO will advise the parent/guardian that Medicaid will be in effect and that there will not be out-of-pocket expenses associated with the youth's health care services.

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B. Change in Procedures

Amendments to a parole agreement requiring additional treatment needs will be the financial responsibility of the youth and parent/guardian unless indigent.

V. CLOSING:

Questions concerning this policy should be directed to the youth community corrections bureau chief.

VI. REFERENCES:

[53-1-203, MCA](#) [Powers and Duties of Department of Corrections](#)
[DOC 4.5.15](#) [Offender Health Care Access](#)

VII. ATTACHMENTS:

None